THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND. CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD); (a) The Fruit Products Order, 1955 is intended to regulate the quality and marketing of the products which •come under its purview.

(b) to (d) Synthetic beverages including sweetened aerated waters syrups, sharbats, . vinegar and jellies without- any fruit con-lent are also covered under the Order "with a view to regulating their quality and marketing as they compete with fruit-based products. Jce-cream and past-ries donot have competitive relationship with fruit-base, products and,. therefore, do not figure in the Order.

Items covered by F. *P.* O. aid Essential .. Commodities Act

835. SHRI SURESH KALMADI; Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state';

(a) what are the items covered by the Frurf Product Order and the Essential Commodities Act which are neifner Fruit aor. an'Essential Commodity;

(b) what are the reasons for covering them and whether thee are other agen cies controlling the quality of these pro ducts; and

(c) why is Washing Powders not cover-*;* ed under F. P. O. since it is atleast an es sential commodity even though it does not contain Fruit as much assynthetic vinegar or aerated water?, -

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a)to (c) The items covered by the Fruit Products Order, 1955 come in the category of 'essential commodity' as defined under Section 2 of the, Essential Commodities Act. Apart from fruit *and* vegetable-based 'products items. like synthetic beverages including sweetened a$^{erat\iota"}$ d waters, syrups, sharbats, vinegar and jellies without any fruit content are. also covered under the order' with view to regulating their quality and marketing, asthey compete with fruit-based products.Washing powder does not have anything to. do withj fruit-based products and, therefore does not figure in theOrder. Officer$_s$' authorised under the. Order regulate - the quality of the fruit products with reference to the provisions of that Order. In addition, the authorities under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act also have the jurisdiction to exercise 'quality control on. these products with reference to that Act.

Shortage of Drimang Water fa Madhya Pradesh

836: SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THA-KUR; Will the Minister of URBAN DE-VELOPMENT be pleased to stater

(a) whether it is a fact that there is extreme shortage of drinking water jn cities and towns of JVfadhya. Pradesh;

(b) if so, the. steps taken by Government to meet the requirement of drinking water in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether any*'steps have been taken to provide the drinking water. in, the tri bal belt, of Madhya Pradesh;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;. and

(e) the time limit by when Govern ment propose fo provide drinking-' water to the affected areas of Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOP MENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH*}; (a) Yes, in some cities and in some of them in summer months.

(b) The Govt, of Madhya Pradesh has intimated that it is providing interim relief by exploring. alternate sources, drilling tube-wells and transportation of water thrbugh tankers. Subject to plan allotment new or augmentation schemes are also being taken up by the State Go-vernment, t_0 provide permanent relief.

A Centrally Study team visited the State in December, 1986 for and on the -spot study of the drought situation in the State. The Govt, of India after considering the

re-commendations of the High Level Committee on Relief and the report of the Central study team approved the following ceiling of expenditure to he incurred: —

(Rupees in lakhs)

	Ceiling of expenditure approved.	
	1986-87	1987-88 (up to 30-6-87)
1 *Non-Plan* :		
Transportation of water.	15.00 (including transportation of water in rural areas)	20 00
2 *Plan* :		
Drilling of 200 tubewells installation of pipe line and installation of 100 tubewells with hand pumps.	80.00	20.00
TOTAL :	95 00	40.00

The Govt, of India has provided a sum. of Rs. 2736. 51 lakhs (including an amount of Rs. 4. 51f llakhs for Monitoring and investigation Units) under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme. - Apart-from this, Rs. 2. 06" crores were released for Technology Mission activities in the State. In 1987-88 a sum of Rs. 1160. 00 lakhs has been releaed. to the State a, ad-hoc first instalment under the Accele-, rated Rural Water Supply Programme.

(c) Yes, Sir'.

(d) The Govt, of Madhya Pradesh has intimated that it is providing drinking water in the village and hamlets by drilling tubejvells and_ providing hand ^pumps. About 18—20 per eent of the total plan allotment is earmarked for the tribal areas.

(e) This work is of continuing nature Keeping in view the growth of population, fluctuation in ground water ruble, etc. As such no time limit has been indicated by the State Government.

Prorfncfionr of- Soyabean

837. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR;,. Will «he Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to -state:

(a) whether. It is. a fact that Govern- meat are importing Soyabean with a view to run the Soyabean extraction plants in-the country round the year;

(b) if so^ the steps taken so far in cluding Research and Development effiprts by Government to augment the production of Soyabean in order to eliminate. its im port; and-

(c) the extent of Central Government's help given to the States during -the last three years to enable them to increase the area under - Soyabean cultivation to mini mise import of Soyabean?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THi DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA); (a) and (b)no, Sir. A sub-project for. increasing Soya-been production under the Centrally Sponsored National Oilseeds Development Project is in operation in important soyabean growing states from 1984-85., Research on soyabean has been organised under an All India'Cb-ordinated Research Project besides a National Researmch'Centre at Indore has been established.. As a. result, atea has increased from 6. 08 lakh hae in 1980-81 to 13. 02 lakh hac. in 1985-86 and production from 4. 42 to 9. 82 lakh tonnes in corresponding period respective-

(c) In order to increase the area and productivity of soyabean, assistance